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SUBJ: SECRETARY' S ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT: PORTION
ON JORDAN

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND USE, FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF
SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT DEALING WITH JORDAN.
QUOTE:

JORDAN' S POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY ARE FUNDA-
MENTAL FACTORS UNDERLYING THE PURSUIT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT OF THE ARAB- ISRAELI CONFLICT. WITH THIS MUTUAL
INTEREST IN VIEW, THE UNITED STATES EXTENDED 50 MILLION DOLS
TO JORDAN IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE IN 1972 AND PROVIDED
MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE JORDANIAN
ARMED FORCES.

ARMED CLASHES BETWEEN THE JORDANIAN ARMY AND THE PALESTINIAN
FEDAYEEN IN THE FALL OF 1970 AND IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1971
HAD A SERIOUS EFFECT ON JORDAN' S INTERNAL SECURITY. SINCE
THEN THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS STEADILY CONSOLIDATED ITS
POSITION AND ITS EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY. HOW-
EVER, KUWAIT AND LIBYA HAVE NOT RESUMED PAYMENT OF THEIR
SUBSIDIES TO JORDAN, WHOSE NEED FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC
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ASSISTANCE REMAINS LARGE. THE GOVERNMENT PROMULGATED A
THREE- YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN 1972 AND ORGANIZED
A SUCCESSFUL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN AMMAN TO SEEK THE
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN ITS
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. END QUOTE. ROGERS

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